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SUBJECT: ROMANIAN PASSPORT DISSIDENTS: LIGHT AT END OF TUNNEL
FOR JULY 3 DEMONSTRATORS?

REF: (A) BUCHAREST 5611, (B) BUCHAREST 5086, (C) BUCHAREST 4872,
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1. MRS. GANEA CALLED ON DCM AGUSUT 17 TO REPORT LATEST
DEVELOPMENTS IN ALEXANDRESCU/GANEA CASES (REFTELS). GANEA HAD
BEEN SUMMONED TO INTERIOR MINISTRY AUGUST 14, AND MET THERE
WITH A MAJOR MORARU OR MURARU, RESPONSIBLE FOR SECURITY AMONG
PHYSICISTS INCLUDING THOSE IN ASTROPHYSICS SECTION WHERE HE
WORKED AND WHICH WAS DISPERSED IN 1977, AND MUCH MORE
IMPORTANT MAN WHO REMAINED UNIDENTIFIED BUT TREATED MORARU AS
FLUNKY. THIS MAN SAID HE FOUND MEETING GANEA UNPLEASANT, SINCE
HE DISLIKED TALKING TO TRAITORS, BUT NECESSARY, SINCE
GANEAS WOULD BE OUT OF COUNTRY "BY SEPTEMBER." THEY
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SHOULD KEEP QUIET DURING "VISITS" (EVIDENTLY INCLUDING
HUA KUO-FENG, BUT IN PLURAL) AND REGARAIN FROM TURNING
PROFESSIONAL PROBLEMS INTO POLITICAL ISSUES. THEY WERE
"ALREADY" WITHOUT ROMANIAN NATIONALITY. ONCE THEY DEPARTED
THEY SHOULD REMEMBER THAT THEIR PHYSICAL RESISTANCE WAS
LIMITED, AND THAT WITH TERRORISM BECOMING A GENERAL
PROBLEM, THEY COULD EASILY BE TAKEN FOR TERRORISTS. AT

SAME TIME, HE WAS HOPEFUL THAT GANEA, AS TALENTED, CAPABLE SCIENTIST, WOULD GIVE ROMANIA SOMETHING TO BE PROUD OF, FOR HIS ROMANIAN ORIGIN.

2. DCM SAID OTHER PROSPECTIVE EMIGRANTS HAD HEARD SAME LINE -- BOTH ELEMENTS (LONG ARM OF SECURITATE AND WORKING FOR COUNTRY ABROAD) -- SO SHE SHOULD REMAIN CALM, AND DIRECTED HER TO CONSULAR OFFICER TO BEGIN PRE-PROCESSING. HER ONLY REGRET, SHE SAID, WAS THAT COUPLE HAD BEEN UNABLE TO OBTAIN ORIGINAL 1977 DOCUMENTATION CHARGING THEM, AS RESULT OF THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN GOMA AFFAIR, WITH ILLICIT CONTACTS FOR MONEY FOR FOREIGN IMPERIALIST AGENCIES.

3. ASKED ABOUT ALEXANDRESCUS, MRS. GANEA SAID GANEA HAD BEEN TOLD THEY TOO WOULD BE RELEASED, BUT IN MEANTIME THEY HAD BEEN TO FRENCH EMBASSY AND RECEIVED BY AMBASSADOR, WHO IN TURN HAD SENT THEM NUMBER OF FRENCH JOURNALISTS, INCLUDING ONE FROM LE MATIN, FOR INTERVIEW. THEY HAD TILL AUGUST 21 TO INFORM JOURNALISTS WHETHER OR NOT THEY WANTED INTERVIEW RELEASED. DCM SUGGESTED THAT OUR EXPERIENCE WOULD HAVE LED US TO SUGGEST SOMEWHAT MORE COMPLEX APPROACH, INVOLVING TELEPHONIC HOLD ON INTERVIEW PUBLICATION FOR MONTH OR SIX WEEKS (UNTIL NEARER TO GUIRINGAUD VISIT APPARENTLY CONTEMPLATED FOR AUTUMN 1978) AND SUBSEQUENT VISIT TO PASSPORT OFFICE TO ASK WHAT WAS BEING DONE ABOUT THEIR CASE; PASSPORT OFFICE SHOULD BE CONFIDENTIAL

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THEN BE AWARE OF HOLD ON PUBLICATION. MRS. GANEA SAID SHE WOULD RELAY THESE THOUGHTS TO ALEXANDRESCUS.

4. COMMENT: EMBASSY CONTINUES TO BE MILDLY OPTIMISTIC (REF A) THAT BOTH COUPLES ARE ON THEIR WAY OUT OF COUNTRY, BOTH DESPITE AND BECAUSE OF HISTORY OF OVERT OPPOSITION TO AUTHORITIES AT CONSIDERABLE RISK TO THEMSELVES. IT IS THAT KIND OF COUNTRY.
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